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Enquiry into the police firing at Naduvattam.

* 990 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri Gopala Menon is not in his place. The answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of a resolution passed by the Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee requesting the Government to include non-officials in the committee to enquire into the police firing at Naduvattam; and

(*b*) whether the Government are associating with Sri W. R. S. Satthianathan, any non-official member to enquire into the circumstances which led to the opening of fire by the Malabar Special Police?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir. Mr. Satthianathan has already finished his enquiry and sent his report."

Housing accommodation to the workers of the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, Nellikuppom.

* 991 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation was received by the Government from the workers of East India Distilleries and Sugar Factory, Limited, Nellikuppam, South Arcot district, requesting housing accommodation for the industrial workers of the sugar factory;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Labour replied to the Workers' Union that housing accommodation will be provided in case the Government of India are prepared to aid the industrial institution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) In 1953, the East India Distilleries and Sugar Factories, Limited, Employees Co-operative House Building Society, Nellikuppam, applied for assistance under the subsidized Industrial Housing Scheme of the Government of India.

" (*b*) According to the revised Industrial Housing Scheme, 25 per cent of the cost of construction has to be contributed by the workers. As the workers were not in a position to meet this cost themselves, the chief promoter has been informed that it is not proposed to work the Scheme.

" (*c*) No, Sir."